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Birding Field Trip: **Early Woodland Migrants**

The next birding field trip of the 2012 season at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge will take place on **Sunday, April 22, 2012**, with a close look at “**Early Woodland Migrants.**” Now is the time when many warblers and tanagers are back and in full song. These include Ovenbird, Prothonotary Warbler, Pine Warbler, and Scarlet Tanager. Shorebirds should also be present in good numbers and variety. This is also a good time to view two colorful ducks - the Blue-winged Teal and the Wood Duck. Meet at the Refuge Headquarters at 8:00 AM. The trip will end at approximately 11:00 AM.

Join volunteer naturalists Bill Fintel, Sally Fintel, and Ed Sigda for this exciting April field trip! Bring binoculars, and if you have them, a field guide and spotting scope (the leaders will all have spotting scopes as well). Wear appropriate clothing for the weather, and footwear to walk up to a mile outdoors. In case of light rain, a trip will still go, so a water repellent jacket is recommended. In case of heavy rain, the trip will be cancelled. Participants should meet at the parking lot at the Refuge Headquarters office at **8:00 AM**. The field trips are free and open to the public. Please call the Refuge at (302) 684-8419 for more information or check out our website at <http://primehook.fws.gov> for a complete schedule of birding trips.

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